

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Building Materials, Construction, and Nonferrous Metals

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of Commerce	2018
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Building Materials, Construction, and Nonferrous Metals	21413

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	02/14/2014	02/14/2018	

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
Yes		02/14/2018

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Merge	No	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
P.L. 93-618	03/27/1975	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this FiscalYear
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17a. Open 0 **17b. Closed** 1 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 1

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
The Committee members met to be briefed and provide advice on the following issues, including the current Administrations trade and manufacturing priorities falling under the purview of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Manufacturing, the Dodd-Frank Acts Conflict Minerals provisions, Commerce activities within the International Metals Study Groups, the Presidential Executive Order on Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs, the Presidential Executive Order on Buy American and Hire American, the renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), activities within the Textiles, Consumer Goods and Materials Office. The Chairman then adjourned the meeting.	01/10/2018	01/10/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$17,223.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00

18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$17,223.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.30	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee shall perform such functions and duties and prepare such reports, as may be required by Section 135 of the Trade Act, with respect to the industry trade advisory committees. The Committee advises the Secretary and USTR on trade matters referred to in section 135(a)(1) of the Act, and is consulted regarding the matters referred to in section 135(a)(2) of the Act. The Committee provides detailed policy and technical advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary and USTR regarding trade barriers, negotiation of trade agreements under section 2103 of the Bipartisan Trade Promotion Authority Act of 2002, and implementation of existing trade agreements affecting its sector.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Members shall be selected on a clear, standardized basis, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidance, the principal criterion for selection being ability to carry out the objectives of this Committee as set forth in Section 3 of the Charter. Secondary selection criteria are ensuring that the Committee is balanced in terms of points of view, demographics, geography, and company size.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Estimated Number of Meetings per Year - 3-4.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

This Committee is essential to carry out the Secretary and USTR's responsibilities under section 135(c)(2) of the 1974 Trade Act, as delegated by E.O. 11846 of March 27, 1975. There is no other Committee that can perform the duties of this Committee.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The Industry Trade Advisory Committees were established by the Trade Act of 1974 and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Subsection 135(f) of the Trade Act provides that the ITACs shall be exempt from the provisions of the FACA

relating to open meetings, public notice, public participation, and public availability of documents when it is determined that the proceedings would, if disclosed, seriously compromise the Government's negotiating objectives or bargaining positions regarding trade policy matters. ITAC meetings routinely involve these kinds of discussions. The United States Trade Representative evaluates each meeting agenda and issues a Notice of Determination when it is necessary to close meetings.

21. Remarks

Subcommittees, or their equivalents, are authorized to be formed under the terms of the Committees' charters, which were issued pursuant to Subsection 135 (f) of the Trade Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-618) as amended, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463). Because subcommittees, or their equivalents, do not report out independently but through the parent Committee, the costs are included under the parent Committee.

Designated Federal Officer

Salim M Bhabhrawala Senior International Trade Specialist

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Arnett, Esq., John	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Legal Advisor Representing Copper & Brass Fabricators Council, Inc.	Representative Member
Dale, James	03/13/2014	02/14/2018	Metal Powder Industries Federation	Representative Member
Gary, Esq., Jesse	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Century Aluminum Company	Representative Member
Goodman, Michael	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Metallurgical Products Company	Representative Member
Henderson, Jeffrey	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Aluminum Extruders Council	Representative Member
Higgins, Barbara	03/13/2014	02/14/2018	Plumbing Manufacturing Institute	Representative Member
Krainock, Peter	02/28/2018	03/07/2018	American International Supply Inc.	Representative Member
Letko, Steven	02/02/2008	02/14/2022	The Weldbend Corporation	Representative Member
Perry, Renee	09/14/2018	02/14/2022	Fluor Corporation	Representative Member
Pickard, Esq., Daniel	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Legal Advisor, Representing Diamond Sawblades Manufacturing Coalition	Representative Member
Pickard, Joseph	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc.	Representative Member
Portnoy, William	09/14/2018	02/14/2022	Buffalo Armory	Representative Member
Riess, Michael	02/02/2008	02/14/2022	Consultant Representing International Precious Metals Institute	Representative Member
Savage, Jonathan	03/13/2014	02/14/2018	Interstate Battery System of America, Inc.	Representative Member
Sedor, Paul	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Metal Powder Industries Federation	Representative Member

Shime, Veronika 02/28/2018 02/14/2022 National Mining Association
Webb, Larry 02/28/2018 02/14/2022 Quemetco Metals Limited, Inc.

Representative
Member
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Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 17

Narrative Description

The Committee advises the Secretary and the USTR concerning the trade matters of common interest to the ITACs; with respect to the operation of any trade agreement once entered into; and with respect to other matters arising in connection with the development, implementation, and administration of the trade policy of the United States including those matters referred to in Reorganization Plan Number 3 of 1979 and Executive Order 12188, and the priorities for actions thereunder. In addition, the Committee performs such functions and duties as required by section 135 of the Act with respect to the ITACs. The Committee also performs such other advisory functions relevant to trade policy matters as may be requested by the Secretary and the USTR or their designees.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000

Over \$10,000,000

Cost Savings Other

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Cost Savings Comments

Unable to determine cost savings.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

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Number of Recommendations Comments

On average 2-3 recommendations are made annually. The total number of recommendations is for the 2014-2018 charter term.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

No measureable calculation. Committee members that give advice to U.S. trade negotiators, typically do not receive feedback from negotiators regarding how their advice has been applied or utilized within the various bi-lateral and multi-lateral trade negotiations.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

No measureable calculation. Committee members that give advice to U.S. trade negotiators, typically do not receive feedback from negotiators regarding how their advice has been applied or utilized within the various bi-lateral and multi-lateral trade negotiations.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Most feedback is rendered orally during meetings; when written advice is sent to the Secretary of Commerce and the USTR, or their designees, it is reviewed by Secretary's policy staff and tasked to appropriate ITA unit to prepare draft response. Commerce internal procedures require that all responses for Secretarial signature (and/or joint signature with USTR) go through a concurrence process which ensures that the appropriate level Commerce officials are seeing the advice and have a chance for comment. All formal responses must be cleared by the Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade prior to Secretary's signature, which ensures that ITAC advice is weighed and considered.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

	Checked if Applies
Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

	Checked if Applies
Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A